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Pyramid Lake Pipeline Rupture

PYRAMID LAKE - Spill response personnel from the Department of Fish and Game's Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) and regional Fish and Game personnel, State Water Resources, the U.S. Forest Service, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and local fire agencies, have ramped up their response to a 14-inch oil pipeline rupture near Pyramid Lake located 16 miles north of Los Angeles.

ACTI, an oil spill response organization on contract with Pacific Energy Partners (pipeline owner), has mobilized their oil recovery efforts near Posey Canyon Cove on Pyramid Lake and deployed containment boom, sorbent boom, two large boats, eight skimmers and two barges to contain and recover the oil. The crude oil carried in the ruptured pipeline was scheduled for delivery to the Wilmington oil refinery in Los Angeles. The owner of this pipeline has shut it down.

For safety concerns, on-going air monitoring has been conducted at the spill site by an industrial hygienist for the protection and safety of all responders. There have been no injuries reported in this incident.

The State's Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWNC) has also been notified and is standing by to respond to this incident. At this time, on-scene responders have not observed any oiled wildlife associated with this incident.